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For: Method and System of Allocating Storage Resources in a Storage

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- a. specification containing:
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  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. <u>10</u> sheets of drawings: (Figures <u>1-10</u>);
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- 3. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
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